Program Vision

To be the premier graduate rehabilitation counselor education program recognized for its diversity, and known for excellence in teaching, learning and research.

From the Editor’s Desk

Hello, rehab students, faculty and alumni! Do you remember me? I’m Lesley O Irizarry-Fonseca the new editor of the Rehab Review. Our last editor, doctoral candidate Sara Johnston did a great job for the past years with the newsletter. I started with the new task in the last edition fall 2007. Fall/Winter 2008 edition has some new ideas and sections that we think will be of interest for you. I want to thank you all for sending the information requested. As you know is our intent that you get to know everything that happens in our Program through this publication. Feel free to e-mail me at lesley-irizarry-fonseca@uiowa.edu any comments, information or recommendations for the next issues. Hope you have a great semester!!!

Keep reading, We hope you will find new things and valuable information about our program!!!
A Special Transitional Message.....

As most of you know this newsletter marks the transition between rehabilitation counseling program coordinators. While Dr. Jodi Saunders became the Program Coordinator on June 1, 2008 changes will be minimal in most of the activities of the Program since policies and practices and people will all remain the same. We are both looking forward to the changes, and the new ideas that this change will mean for all. Our thinking is that we will have the best of both worlds since Dr. Saunders will have new energy and ideas, and Dr. Tarvydas will be available and involved on the faculty.

Faculty responsibilities in the Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation are as follows:

Master’s Program Director: Dr. John Wadsworth
Doctoral Program Director: Dr. Dennis Maki
Clinical Coordinator: Dr. Vilia Tarvydas
Faculty Advisor to UI-ARCA: Dr. Noel Estrada-Hernandez

We look forward to an excellent year in 2008-2009, and hope that you will find this transition seamless. We have admitted a very diverse and large new group of Master’s students as well as an outstanding new group of doctoral students. Our Advisory Board has continued to be a major asset to our work and continues to enjoy coming to campus, advising us on our decisions and meeting our
students. We ended this past year with an inspiring and thought provoking colloquium by Michael Paul Mason describing the issues presented to all of us by the many Veterans who have sustained serious TBIs. Finally, another high point at the end of the year was celebrating the new awards to Dr. Paul R. Salomone as Alumnus of the Year, Vasudha Gidugu as Miller Scholar of the Year, and Michael T. Hartley’s Albert Hood Promising Scholar Award. All in all, life is good at the UI Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation!

Vilia Tarvydas

Jodi Saunders

**Please update your contact information!**

It’s exciting to hear about the big changes in graduates’ lives -- marriage, children, relocation, job changes and promotions. And it’s easy to keep your records up to date. Just follow the link to [the Online Personal Information Form](#) and keep us posted!

**Calendar of Events**

- **October 1-3** - Big 3 Conference
- **October 4** - 3rd Annual Run for your Life Skills 5K Run/Walk
- **October 17** - On With Life at Ankeny’s 8th Educational Conference
CRC Examination Information

**Students:** Are you planning to sit for the CRC examination in 2008/2009 The following link will provide you with *information on application dates, application forms, and study materials.*


Remember that starting in the test cycle fall 2008, the CRC examination is going to be Computer-based, which will include greater flexibility and increased opportunities to take the certification examination. To find more information about it go to the CRCC link.

Community news

**Fall Colloquium**

This year the Fall Workshop that The Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation is co-sponsoring with On with Life will be October 17, 2008. This year's Workshop features Peter Teahen, Certified Traumatologist, Spokesperson on Domestic & International Disasters, who will present: *Views from Ground Zero - The Psycho-Social Impact of Disasters.*

This is an excellent opportunity to receive continuing education credit for faculty and clinicians, and for students who are interested in learning more about brain injury and its effects.

We Hope to see you there !!!

**From the I.C.A.T.E.R.**

ICATER recently received a $40,000 grant to create and conduct an assessment of the AT needs in schools throughout the state of Iowa. Through a series of surveys and focus groups with students with disabilities, their parents teachers, administrators, and AT professionals across the state, they will determine to what
degree students are getting the AT devices and software that they need. They will also be determining the overall knowledge and comfort of AT usage by teachers and administrators throughout the state. This data will help both ICATER and the State Department of Education to determine where to focus AT resources for improvement of education for students with disabilities.

Faculty News

Congratulations

Dr. Noel Estrada-Hernández, and Dr. Dennis Harper were honored by the American Psychological Association for writing one of the best 200 articles published in 2007.

Dr. Vilia Tarvydas was honored with two of the most distinguished awards this year 2008.

James F. Garrett Distinguished Career Research Award by the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association

Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Education Award by the National Council on Rehabilitation Education

Dr. Jodi Saunders received the University of Iowa College of Education Collegiate Teaching Award.

To find more information about our professors and the College of Education go to in the College of Education Newsletter link http://www.education.uiowa.edu/

Presentation and Publications

Dr. Denis Maki

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Maki, D. Taking Command- Reclaiming Our Profession, Keynote presentation to the Canadian Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, Niagara-on-the Lake, Ontario, Canada, October, 2007.


Dr. Vilia Tarvydas:

Keynote Addresses


Refereed Presentations (National)


Invited Lecture/Speech


Book Chapters (Including conference proceedings)


Journal Articles (Refereed)


Monographs/Technical Reports

Prime Study Group, 33rd Institute on Rehabilitation Issues on "Improving Employment Outcomes Through Evidence Based Practices in Vocational Rehabilitation", U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration.

Dr. Jodi Saunders


Presentations


Referred Presentations (International)


Refereed Presentations (National)


Refereed Presentations (Regional)


Invited Lecture/Speech


**Dr. Noel Estrada-Hernández**

Presentations.


Publications.


**Students News**

**Publications**

**Sara Johnston – Rehabilitation counselor education doctoral candidate**

**Publications:**

Peer Reviewed

**Posters**
Nykeisha Moore – Rehabilitation Counselor educator doctoral candidate student

Moore, Nykeisha Answering the cry for help: Effective crisis management on college campuses.

Quiteya Speights – Rehabilitation counselor educator doctoral candidate student

Speights, Quiteya The career maturity of at risk adolescents: Proposal for an interview program. MLK Symposium in January 2008.

Special News

Congratulations to Drs. Michael T Hartley and Niccole Pizzini for the complete of their doctoral degrees.

We also want to congratulate our new doctoral candidates who recently passed comprehensive exams!!!

Sara P. Johnston – Dissertation topic will examine counselor implementation of disability policy.

Nykeisha Moore – No topic at time of Newsletter publication.

Quiteya Speights – dissertation topic: The Career Maturity of Adolescents with Learning Disabilities: An Intervention Program

Frederick D. Staten – dissertation topic: Understanding the Experiences of Deaf Students that Have Attended School for the Deaf.

Welcome New CRSD Students

This year we have 5 new students in the Ph D program in Rehabilitation Counselor Education and here we have some information about them !!!
Ph D students

Cory James – From Oklahoma – have a master in Rehabilitation Counseling from Langston University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mookyong Jeon – From Korea – Have a master in Rehabilitation Counseling from Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan.

Chu-Ling-Lo – From Taiwan – Educational Psy and Counseling – University of Education.

Lori Magnuson – From Seattle – Have a master in Counseling from Seattle university.

Dwaine Turner – From Georgia – have a master in Rehabilitation Counseling from Langston University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Welcome to the Program and the University Of Iowa !!!

Writing Resources

About the Writing Center
The Writing Center, located in N372 LC, is a service available to any student, faculty member or professional in the Counseling, Rehabilitation and Student Development Department who desires assistance with academic or professional writing.

Marjorie Carlson Davis staffs the Writing Center. She has an MA in English from the University of Iowa and has taught college writing for over 15 years. She is also a freelance writer.

Writing Center Hours
Fall 2008

Monday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

and by appointment or email consultation
(email marjorie-davis@uiowa.edu for appointments)
Office phone: 335-6044
Notice that the Writing Center will change the hours for the spring semester / 2009.

For more information about the writing center you can access http://www.education.uiowa.edu/writing/

UI-ARCA News

From the president desk

When I became president of UI-ARCA in 2007, I assumed the leadership of a remarkable organization and it has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity for the last year. This year, UI-ARCA members and I have taken the organization to new heights. In October, UI-ARCA hosted their 1st Disability Awareness Day at Thai Flavors, and their 2nd Disability Awareness Expo. UI-ARCA also adopted families from Johnston County during the Thanksgiving season, and Adopted HCAP development center in Iowa City for the holiday season. All of the events were remarkable; however, adopting the HCAP center was heart touching. We were able to buy toys for each and every student in the center. It was such an awesome experience; UI-ARCA members were compensated through smiles, hugs, personal drawing from the students, and gratitude from both teachers and parents. On the social level, UI-ARCA has had a fall potluck and planned socials at Buffalo Wild Wings and Pizza Hut. We met throughout the semester to wrap toys to present at HCAP and collectively designed the Thanksgiving baskets. All social events were coordinated by Ms. Quiteya Speights. Professionally, UI-ARCA has hosted professional brown bags on Twice Exceptionality (Dr. Susannah Wood), Licensure/Certification (Dr. Vilja Tarvydas & Dr. Jodi Saunders) and Turning a Paper into a Poster Presentation (Dr. Noel Estrada-Hernandez). In addition, UI-ARCA is participating in the NAMI Walk 2008, as we are working with NAMI to collect donations that will help individuals with mental illness live an independent and fulfilling life.

As I pass this torch to the upcoming president, I am more than confident that UI-ARCA will continue to excel to new heights, be visible within the community, strengthen our rehabilitation counseling family and advocate for individuals with disabilities. As Monicke and I worked together for this past year, her vision and hard work allowed her to develop the Mentee/Mentor program, coordinate monthly professional brown bags, and develop a passion for the success of UI-ARCA. UI-
ARCA is not done yet for 2008. A peek inside view is that the organization is planning to host their own walk in 2009, under the vision of Kira Bankson; host a fashion show to empower individuals with disabilities; expand their community partners in the 3rd Disability Awareness Expo, and continue the Mentee/Mentor programs, just to name few.

As I end my term of presidency, I make a vow that I will continue to be just as invested and visible with UI-ARCA. If you are reading this newsletter and you are a UI-ARCA member or leader, faculty of support, or well-wisher, please give yourself a round of applause because I did not do this alone; I appreciated each of you. I enjoyed every moment of my leadership role, and I look forward to the dedication of the 2008-2009 executive board and the vision that they have for UI-ARCA.

President:    Monicke Davis
Vice President:  Candis Hill
Secretary: Kira Bankson
Treasurer: Amy Raulerson
2nd Year Master Student Representative:  Courtney Cook
Doctoral Student Representative: Mimi Getachew
Chair of Community Service: Angela Messer

Sincerely,
Nykeisha N. Moore

UI – ARCA info corner

Beginning with this Fall 2008 of the Rehab Review the UI-ARCA members are going to be posting some wonderful short articles so keep us inform in different topics.

Check out the article about Four-Legged Companions by Ildiko Balintko on!!!

FOUR-LEGGEDCOMPANIONS
Graduating Companion Dogs

Photo courtesy of Canine Companions for Independence

A tan colored large dog on a leash was passing me last summer on my trip to Baltimore. As a fan of all four-legged friends of humans, I instantly bent over to pet the dog. “He’s Charlie” – said a voice belonging to the young lady holding the leash. As so often occurs, I started a conversation with the pet owner. Her name was Sheryl, and it turned out that she was a volunteer puppy raiser for the Canine Companions for Independence nonprofit organization. Charlie was not just any kind of dog. He came from a home of volunteer breeders and was placed in Sheryl’s care when he was just two months old. He was going to become a companion for an individual with physical or cognitive disability who can demonstrate that his/her quality of life would be enhanced by a canine companion.

Following ten months of stay under Sheryl’s care and training, Charlie would be undergoing a six- to nine-month program of advanced training. He would be fully trained for several services when introduced to someone who would become his partner for life. There would be no fee or charge for Charlie. The whole endeavor: the breeding, raising and training these dogs is funded through private donations.

As you can see, Charlie wasn’t just any kind of dog. He had special chores and special privileges. He was allowed in restaurants, stores, hotels and any public places humans can go to, because he was a companion dog in training. He never complained about anything, and obeyed Sheryl’s every command. It was a hot summer. We went for dinner at a restaurant, and Charlie laid quietly for hours on the floor. I fished out the ice cubes from my coke and gave it to Charlie. That’s all he was allowed to ‘drink’.

Sheryl talked about the Canine Companions for Independence. It was founded in 1975, and there are five regional offices always looking for fit ‘parents’ raising the puppies. The dogs are trained not just for being companions of blind persons. They know how to open doors, how to use a teller machine, how to serve the needs of individuals using wheelchairs, and are trained to do many more tasks.

I asked Sheryl how difficult it is to part with her raised dogs when time comes for intensive training. “It is hard. But the first time was the hardest. I didn’t know how I would be able to raise one more puppy. But I have to keep in mind the bigger picture: all the good they will do their partners”...

By: Ildiko Balint